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REPORT BROWN PROBABLE NEW PREMIER OF ALBERTA

BUDGET ACTION ROUSES ANGER OF LARGE S.C. GROUP

**"Progressives" Enraged When
Believe Trick Adopted to
Get Budget Through**

COMPLEX SITUATION

**Interim Supply Voted—Robinson's
Objection to Budget Withdrawal
Allowed to Drop**

By C. H. STOUT

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*
EDMONTON, March 31st.—Holding precariously to office with a sensational storm of criticism breaking over their heads for more than a week, the Aberhart Government came into the House Tuesday with an assurance of sufficient support to pass interim supply and make an immediate trial of the administration's own plan for Social Credit.

Solemn Promise Given

The assurance was short lived, however. Premier Aberhart had solemnly promised the general caucus the night previously he would withdraw the budget motion for supply from the order paper on undertaking of "insurgents" or "Progressives" that temporary estimates would be passed for a period of three months. This undertaking was given.

The Premier moved that the motion be withdrawn, but it was protested by one of his most ardent and loyal supporters, Dr. J. L. Robinson, Medicine Hat. Since unanimous consent of the House was necessary for withdrawal, the budget motion remained and the budget debate proceeded.

Reform Banks Hurriedly

Insurgents reformed their ranks hurriedly in legislative rooms and corridors and unhesitatingly charged that the Premier was involved in a trick to try and get the budget through by manoeuvre of his newly-won majority. So ominous was this mood that the Premier's short-lived smile vanished and Dr. Robinson rose later in the debate to ask consent that his objection to the withdrawal of the supply motion be allowed to drop. Interim supply of \$5,645,075.23 was then voted.

Both D. M. Duggan, Conservative, and J. J. Bowlen, Liberal, leaders, protested against such a request being allowed by the Speaker, but his ruling that the motion was withdrawn was sustained by a vote of 51 to 8.

"This Assembly is being reduced to a desperate farce if we allow a member to oppose a motion and later in the same session withdraw that objection with some childish explanation," protested Mr. Duggan.

Robinson Declines to Answer

A. E. Fee, Sedgewick, previously a supporter of Mr. Aberhart, demanded that Dr. Robinson tell the House whether his action had been taken on his own initiative or had been inspired by some other person or persons. Dr. Robinson declined to answer.

So bitter were insurgents over the unexpected turn of events that

To Speak in Alberta



Dr. Anna Louise Strong, United States author and journalist, who has just returned from a visit to war-torn Spain. At meetings in Alberta next week, Miss Strong will describe her experiences and discuss the issues at stake in the civil war which has been turned into an invasion by foreign Fascist states. List of Dr. Strong's meetings is given on page 13.

threats were being made after the Tuesday sitting to introduce a vote of non-confidence against the Government.

Previously, in the day's routine, Premier Aberhart had given notice of amendments proposed in the Social Credit Measures Act of 1936, this to enable a commission to be appointed for administration, with power for credit control and authority to engage technical advisers—all demanded by insurgents whose "twin bills" on Social Credit had been accepted by Premier Aberhart in caucus the night before. Insurgent speakers told the House during the afternoon they were willing for the Government to have 60 days in which to initiate a Social Credit plan, Hon. Dr. Cross having said in Monday's debate that the Government plan could be working within 30 days.

Critics and a Defender

A. J. Hooke, Red Deer, and James Hartley, Macleod, lashed the Government severely for failure to institute a financial reform system, and for ministerial opposition to the plan devised by a members' committee. They charged that Government members should be crossing the floor of the House into Opposition instead of having insurgents advised to move their seats if they objected to the Premier's leadership.

It was the Government breaking faith with the people, not the Progressives.

E. P. Foster, Didsbury, backed the Premier and read numerous telegrams expressing confidence in Mr. Aberhart. Mr. Hooke revived the coronation plans of the Premier and declared not one cent should be spent out of public funds for the trip while it was known great distress existed in the country and nothing had been done

Seed Grain Advances

EDMONTON, March 31st.—During Tuesday afternoon, Lieut. Governor J. C. Bowen made his first official entry to the chamber to assent to bills, five measures being given royal approval, one providing for seed grain relief advances, etc. Mr. Hartley later pointed out that the budget did not provide a cent for seed grain relief, but Hon. Solon Low, replying to Charles Cockroft, former Treasurer, said that banks would provide the bulk of necessary advances, but a sum of \$300,000 would be provided by the Government for emergency demands for seed grain. (See also page 12).

Spring Show Champions

E. J. C. Boake, Acme, won the championship for the best Shorthorn bull, any age, at the annual Calgary spring show. Reserve championship for Shorthorns went to J. R. Hallum, Sedgewick. In the Aberdeen Angus classes the C.P.R. farm at Coaldale won the championship and Roy Ballhorn, Wetaskiwin, the reserve.

Hughes Bros., High River, won the championship for Hereford bulls, Frank Collicutt, Crossfield, getting the reserve. Mr. Collicutt also won first place for the best three Hereford bulls, with Hughes Bros. second; Charles Bull and Sons, Calgary, third; Charles Claeys, Erskine, fourth; and Wright and Bond, Irricana, fifth.

The champion fat animal in fat stock classes was the property of Thos. Henderson, Lacombe, and the reserve went to Charles Bull and Sons. The grand championship in the baby beef competition was won by Reece Pearson, Shepard, and the reserve by Donald Henderson, Lacombe; the grand champion fat animal in the show was shown by Reece Pearson and the reserve by Thos. Henderson.

The fat stock sold at the show brought an average price of 11.8 cents per pound, as compared with 6-3/4 last year.

GOLD RESERVES DOUBLE

LONDON, March 31st.—A shipment of gold to the value of \$180,000,000 is expected here shortly from the U.S.S.R., most of it to be re-shipped to the U.S. Gold reserves have doubled in the past eight years, and continued high production is giving rise to increases in commodity prices on all European exchanges.

save raising taxation for those who had been described "as eating gophers and wearing gunny sacks."

Never has the Legislature witnessed such interest in their proceedings as the public has manifested within the last few days. Easter Monday hundreds were unable to gain access to the House galleries and the crowd was almost as large Tuesday when the loud speaker service again permitted those in the main rotunda of the capital building to hear debate speakers.

ABERHART ADMITS LOST CONFIDENCE OF SUPPORTERS

**Resignation of Premier Aberhart
Is Expected as "Leader"
Goes to Press**

PROMISE GIVEN

**Cockroft Probable Treasurer if
Aberhart Resigns and New
Government Formed**

By C. H. STOUT

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, April 1st, 8 a.m.—Premier Aberhart last night admitted to the general caucus he realized he had lost the confidence of supporters, and agreed to abide by caucus decision whether he should resign or not. Only a short time earlier he had promised a committee of three private members he would tender his unqualified resignation at the caucus.

Members debated the issue more than five hours without taking vote, and hope Premier sometime today will carry out his promise and resign without creating further breach in party ranks. Mr. Aberhart admitted in caucus statement he was fearful of the result of non-confidence vote in House.

Dr. Robinson, Medicine Hat, who objected to withdrawal of the budget motion in the House Tuesday, as agreed upon by Premier in caucus, under severe questioning by fellow members insisted that his action was not inspired by any Cabinet Minister. "That's certainly strange," another recently strong supporter of the Premier stated, "for I was approached with the same suggestion by a Cabinet Minister only a short time before you made your objection and prevented the supply motion being withdrawn."

Messrs. Cross, Maynard and Fallow were subjected to bitter criticism in caucus, not one Member rising to the defense of the Minister of Trade and Industry. It is certain not one of the three will be selected for the new Cabinet when Mr. Aberhart is out. Dr. Harry Brown, Pembina, insurgent leader, is the probable choice for new Premier, with Charles Cockroft, Treasurer.

IMPLEMENTS MAY GO UP

Rising costs of metals might cause increased prices for farm implements, said James S. Duncan of the Massey-Harris Company to the House of Commons farm machinery committee.

A housing investigation in Montreal found that of 1,376 working class homes only 320 had a bathroom, and half were without any sanitary equipment at all; many, according to the report, are antiquated, delapidated, and infested with rats, bugs and cockroaches. Several thousand more dwellings are to be inspected.

DRAMATIC SCENES WHEN S.C. MEMBERS PROTEST DELAYS

REVOLT AGAINST BUDGET BY MANY RANK AND FILE IS FEATURE OF SITTINGS

Forces Go Into Action Under Title of "Progressive" Section of Party—Charge Inaction—Situation as First Recorded in *Western Farm Leader* and in One Daily Paper Develops

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, March 29th.—Dramatic events of the past two weeks culminating in the votes of the Assembly to which your correspondent refers elsewhere, may be passed briefly in review for the benefit of readers of *The Western Farm Leader*. They mark the earlier stages of the debate.

When our last issue went to press, the positive decision of a strong group of Social Credit members not to support the budget was announced, some days ahead of all daily papers in the Province except one, as was the fact that a Social Credit bill of 600 sections had been drawn up and a twin bill dealing with the taxing of securities.

"Ginger Group" Gets Into Action they prefer to be known, went into action, R. E. Ansley of Ledue and recess caused by the death of the A. V. Bourcier, young Social Credit former Lieutenant-Governor Primrose, member for Lac Ste. Anne, leading the "progressive group" forces, as off, in speeches which stressed the

Opening Shot Fired by Ansley in Revolt on Issue of Budget

Demands Action on Social Credit—Has Brush with Premier When Mentions Douglas

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*
EDMONTON.—Declaring that the budget should on no account be passed until some definite scheme of Social Credit or economic reform had been put in effect, R. E. Ansley (S.C.), Ledue, formerly one of Premier Aberhart's own "field men," who admitted he had worked strenuously for prosperity certificates last fall in loyalty to the lead given by the Government,

inaction of the Government in the matter of Social Credit, and demanding that the orthodox budget, many features of which they were highly critical, be not voted on until Social Credit bills had been considered, towards the introduction of which not even a beginning, they declared, had been made. There followed, speaking along similar lines, S. A. G. Barnes, Social Credit member, Edmonton, who was excluded from the party caucus some time ago; and then A. E. Fee (S.C.), of Sedgewick, who has the reputation of being an effective humorist, eased the strain somewhat after his colleagues' speeches, by directing some sharp witty sallies against the Liberal and Conservative opposition, but speedily launched into a serious review of the grave conditions among farmers, and attacked tariff policies and the farm employment relief plan which housed jobless from the cities and sent back boys to the cities to take their places in relief lines.

Thursday brought Dr. Harry Brown (S.C.) of Pembina, into the fray with heavy artillery directed against the budget, an appeal for Social Credit measures to be considered first in order that their principles might be embodied in the financial measure.

Brown's Right Jeopardized

Previously Dr. Brown's right to speak in the debate had been placed in jeopardy when, on Wednesday, March 24th, he had moved to adjourn the debate, and Premier Aberhart had opposed adjournment at that time; saying, "We must close this debate as quickly as possible and get on with the estimates"; but by a vote of 27 to 25, including the opposition members, the motion to adjourn was carried. It was the Government's first defeat. If the Government had not been defeated on the motion, according to the rules of the House, Dr. Brown, having already spoken once, though merely to make a motion, would not have been able to speak again later on.

This division came on the heels of a tense afternoon of slashing attacks by Social Credit members on the Government's budget policies and on the inaction which it was claimed had characterized their attitude towards Social Credit. Quite a number of members were absent from the Assembly, when the unprecedented scene occurred.

Outlines of speeches by Social Credit members on these matters are given on this page and elsewhere.

Gas masks now being distributed in Great Britain would give very limited protection, as would ordinary "gas-proof" rooms, according to experiments made by a group of Cambridge scientists.

The California Fruit Growers' Exchange marketed 75 per cent of the total output of lemons, oranges and grapefruit of that state and Arizona last year. 1936 proved the best year for the industry as a whole since 1920.

made the first sustained and carefully prepared attack upon the Cabinet for its failure, as Mr. Ansley stated, to carry out its promises to the people. He was, like other speakers for the "ginger" group, loudly applauded by this section of the members on the Government side in the Assembly.

Premier Protests

At one stage Premier Aberhart rose in protest to assert that when Mr. Ansley said the first party caucus was in favor of bringing Douglas and was told that he would be brought, but that R. J. Magor, had been invited instead, the member for Ledue was "not stating facts." Mr. Ansley's quick retort was that in his opinion the engaging of Mr. Magor, orthodox financial adviser, was what prevented Major Douglas from coming. He insisted that Major Douglas be engaged, without delay, or some other expert on Social Credit.

Last year Mr. Ansley said he had voted for an orthodox budget believing that the Government could not change its methods in so short a time, but this year all the higher taxation of 1936-37 was maintained and still greater burdens added. The sales tax was made heavier than before, and fell on the consumer, and even the corporation levy would come out of the people in the end.

Lowens People's Buying Power

"Purchasing power of the people which we were going to increase, has instead been lowered by this orthodox budget," declared the member. He commended action in cutting debts but not the method of escaping payment proposed in the budget. Postponing interest payments and other obligations meant that the people would have to meet them in the end from still heavier taxation.

Prosperity Certificates he believed failed because the Government did not accept them for taxes and payments, nor for their own salaries, and because they were opposed to Social Credit principles in that revenue could not be expected from velocity currency. He had supported the scheme because he understood it was merely a forerunner of a Social Credit plan to be launched within a few weeks.

Steps that have been taken are contrary to Social Credit principles. In this connection Mr. Ansley strongly censured the licensing and marketing bills, and the highway traffic amendments. "They are entirely foreign to Social Credit," he charged, and would only hamper the initiation of a definite plan.

Government attempts to fix prices and control marketing was in opposition to the law of supply and demand and must end in failure. "Nor could any system of licensing and restriction of business be expected to succeed."

Mr. Ansley thought the present business setup was the best that modern methods could produce. For this reason the plan to set up new co-operatives was to be condemned. They would merely serve to compete with established companies and other co-operatives now in the field.

Mr. Ansley was against the efforts to tax themselves out of trouble and thought Alberta's action should set an example to Social Credit organizations in other places. Now these organizations were viewing Alberta as discrediting the movement everywhere.

Brave Attempt Fails

Barbara Weston, of Norbuck, seven years old, failed in a brave attempt to rescue her six-year-old sister Peggy from a burning house on Saturday night. While the little girls were visiting at Winfield fire broke out when their hostesses used gasoline to clean a dress in a room with a lighted lamp. They, and the elder child, escaped from the house, and Barbara ran back and tried to reach through a window to her little sister,

AN URGENT NEED

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Members Want Immediate Action

**Declares Budget Is
in No Way Connected
With Social Credit**

**"Members Can No Longer Sit Still
and Be Worshipped as Idols,"
States Bourcier**

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON.—"We Social Credit members can no longer sit still and be worshipped as idols because we promised to lead the people into a new social order," was the declaration of A. V. Bourcier, Social Credit member for Lac Ste. Anne, in one of the ablest addresses heard in the Alberta Legislature for some time.

Mr. Bourcier insisted that the budget conformed in no manner whatsoever with the principles of Social Credit, and the time had come for members "to get off the pedestals upon which electors placed us and get to work. It's time to speak out. Silence is not always golden. I am opposed to the policy of hush, hush, of this Government, for they have done nothing in the last 18 months that might not have been published in the press.

"If the Government had been fair with the newspapers, reporters would not have had to draw upon their imaginations as to what the Cabinet was doing. They haven't done anything, so why should they be afraid to have it printed.

Would Stand Condemned

"My stand is definite. This budget must not pass until it is accompanied by a definite Social Credit plan of some kind. If it does pass in its present form, the Government stands condemned in the eyes of the world and the people of Alberta."

Mr. Bourcier declared it was his first duty to carry out the wishes of his constituents. Surely the Government realized the people could pay no heavier taxes. The policy of collecting pennies from the poor was being followed and interest payments were being sent out of the Province in a swollen stream—\$40,000,000 a year, he estimated—while people went hungry and naked.

"We have taxed property, especially farms and homes, to extinction. We tax incomes, business, radios, food, clothing, and now we propose to tax trades and occupations. In short we tax everything and everybody except those best able to pay."

Even taxing the rich or borrowing more money were contrary to Social Credit principles. He favored Social Credit legislation designed to avoid hampering restrictions on the free and unfettered natural law of competition, he said. Bills to license and control trades and occupations were contrary to Social Credit principles. Licensing a man before he could earn a living was licensing his right to live, and no such powers as were proposed should be given to a Government department, giving a minister unlimited power of licensing and restricting the people.

"I am not interested in my seat in this House, I have one just as comfortable at home," said Mr. Bourcier, "I am interested in one thing only—the speedy introduction of a new economic system in this Province."

Barnes Speaks

"The Provincial Treasurer must admit that an orthodox budget and a Social Credit budget cannot be identical," was the declaration of S. A. G. Barnes (S.C.), Edmonton. "The Cabinet should hesitate and pay due regard to the situation in which they have placed their colleagues in this House. Members could not escape the promises they had made. The relief situation cried out for solution. In the case of savings

**Charges That Social
Credit Plan Rejected
Without Examination**

**Brown Protests Premier Declared
Would Not Be Accepted—
Caucus Not Given Chance**

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON.—"The Premier of this Province informed the members that their proposed legislation did not meet with his approval and would not be accepted, even before the caucus had an opportunity to examine the proposals of the committee," was the assertion of Dr. Harry Brown (S.C.) Pembina, in the course of a speech on the budget in which he assailed the principles on which it was based; and demanded that the Social Credit bills drafted by the committee referred to be given consideration before "supply" is voted.

"Would you believe that this sort of thing could happen in a democratic government in the year 1937?" he asked. "It sounds like a page from Roman history."

Dr. Brown, answering a question by Mrs. Gostick, of Calgary, pointed out that the legislation of the committee included twin bills, and that it was desirable that both should be considered together, implying that objection to one bill was objection to the plans as a whole.

Suit Without Pants

The Premier had promised to accept the Social Credit framework bill, but opposed the other, "like going to the tailor and getting a suit without the pants," said Dr. Brown.

"This is supposed to be a social credit government and the legislation prepared by the committee is social credit legislation, but every other type of legislation, including an orthodox budget, has received prior consideration from this Government.

"Too often," Dr. Brown believed, "M.L.A.'s followed blindly and unquestionably the dictates of their leaders, and spent time and energy in attempting to justify Governmental policies instead of trying to direct those policies."

"Any Social Creditor who supports this budget before any Social Credit legislation has been passed upon the floor of this House is endorsing the continued application of the very principles that he has so vigorously condemned from the public platform, the radio and through the press and from the pulpit. If there is any such may I suggest to them that they change their favorite slogan of 'Consistency thou art a jewel' to 'Inconsistency thou art a Social Creditor'."

"There is yet time for the Government to obtain unanimous support of this budget from this side of the House," declared Dr. Brown. "If the Government will bring in supplementary estimates to carry them over until sound, scientific Social Credit measures have been approved

certificates, sanctity of contract did, he believed, apply, and many poor people were suffering in consequence of suspension.

No Right to Indemnity

"Which is more important," he asked, "to send people to the coronation, or to set our financial house in order before the session ends, even if it takes us all summer? We are paid to do this and we have no right to the indemnity until our task is done or on the way."

A. E. Fee of Sedgewick, in a humorous speech, pointed out that European farmers were able to obtain much more for their wheat than our own, who were penalized by freight charges, tariffs, and heavy financial burdens.

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Killam Co-op Factory Has Good Year

The new cheese factory established by the Killam District Co-operative had a gross revenue last year of almost \$13,000, with a net surplus of \$551, which will be used to build a storehouse. Gross sales for the main association were upwards of \$77,000, with a net operating surplus of \$1,173.

Premier Aberhart's Calgary house is offered for sale at \$6,500.

by this House, I will support the budget, but not otherwise."

"Not Play Second Fiddle"

Dr. H. K. Brown stated that when an early party caucus expressed a desire to have Major Douglas come to Alberta as technical adviser to the Government "Mr. Aberhart declared he would play second fiddle to no man."

When Premier Aberhart, intervening, at a later stage, asked if it were not true that two pieces of Social Credit legislation were on the statute books already, Dr. Brown said that "such as they are," they are on the books, but "we are not satisfied with the provisions of those measures, for we are opposed to having such legislation turned over to politicians for administration."

The Premier, referring to one section of the twin bills of the "ginger" section, said he favored sane or sensible Social Credit legislation, "but I don't want to jeopardise the credit of the Province."

VETERAN OF MOUNTIES PASSES

At the age of 81, "Peaches" (Daniel) Davis, mounted police veteran, died in Calgary. He had been in the West since 1876, and in 1881 escorted, single-handed, 1,100 Indians 180 miles from the Cypress Hills to Battleford, thus averting a threatened tribal war.

Calgary City Council has voted to proceed with the Fortin refinancing plan, which received a majority of 2,000 in the recent plebiscite, though less than the two-thirds majority required for money by-laws.

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MUST BE NO DELAY

Money has been made available to the Minister of Agriculture for the provision of seed and to meet other requirements of farmers who without assistance will be unable to put in a crop.

We trust that Hon. W. N. Chant, Minister of Agriculture, will take immediate steps to set the necessary machinery in motion.

The delay in making provision for seed, feed and fuel and lubricating oils, has been the cause of much anxiety throughout the drought-stricken areas.

This anxiety should be dispelled at once.

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HARMONY IN FARM COMMUNITIES

One of the principal aims of *The Western Farm Leader* is to assist in promoting harmony in our farm communities.

In many communities harmony has been shattered, or neighborly relationships have in recent years been subject to severe strain.

We learn from many sources that an effective beginning has been made towards a new order of things. Time will be required, but we believe that marked progress may be made in the immediate future. Conditions today warrant it and favor it.

Until the farm people can act together in the promotion of their own interests, they can never solve their problems. Unity in farm communities—unity in sympathy and understanding is essential. Differences of opinion upon issues of public policy there are, it is true; but there are many fields in which co-operation is always possible—a prerequisite of co-operation being that we shall respect one another's opinions, and agree to differ where we must while co-operating where we can.

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FORUM ON C.C.F. PROGRAM

Since *The Western Farm Leader* announced that its columns would be open for the discussion of the draft Provincial program of the C.C.F., a number of interesting and important letters expressing various points of view have been received.

In order to give as complete a news service as possible to our readers, upon the proceedings of the Alberta Legislature, it has been necessary to postpone the opening of the Forum. However, as soon as pressure upon our space is lessened, following the coming

adjournment of the Legislative Assembly, the publication of letters will be commenced.

In the meantime, we invite others of our readers who wish to contribute to the Forum, to study the draft program and to write and send in their letters, and to endeavor to make each letter brief.

While it is true that in some instances long contributions may be of exceptional value, the space available is limited, and we want as many persons as possible to have an opportunity to present their views.

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SEND IN PETITIONS

Many signed copies of the petition calling for the conscription of wealth in the event of war have been received since our last issue went to press.

They will be forwarded to Ottawa in a few days.

May we urge our readers who have petitions in hand to endeavor to mail them to us by Monday, next, April 5th?

If, after that date, you can obtain additional signatures, please send in further copies of the petition. We can forward them to Ottawa later.

But as Parliament will soon be adjourning to enable the Prime Minister and other representatives of the Government to leave for the Coronation, it is most desirable that the petitions shall be presented at an early date.

If you want to be reasonably sure that your petitions will be presented in Parliament, therefore, mail them to *The Western Farm Leader* on Monday next or earlier.

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FRANCE IS DOING IT

When C.C.F. members of Parliament urged the nationalization of Canada's war industries, Prime Minister King showed his usual reluctance to do anything that would interfere with the prerogatives and privileges of private capitalism. The proposal seemed impractical, very fine and idealistic and all that, to many members of the Liberal party, but one of those things that are not done.

But Prime Minister Blum of France is doing it; in fact, the process of nationalization is well advanced, in spite of the opposition of powerfully entrenched financial and steel interests. Have the armament makers in Canada greater influence with our Government than the far more deeply-entrenched armament makers of France have with theirs?

A good beginning has been made by the French, and every few weeks we read of some addition being made to the number of war industries taken over. The method is described by the British *New Statesman* and *Nation* of March 20th:

"In nationalizing the Schneider-Creusot establishment—or rather those sections of it which are producing munitions of war," says *The New Statesman*, "the French Government has struck at the very citadel of industrial capitalism in France. M. Daladier, as Minister of War, was urged to take over the Creusot works as soon as the Government had received its power to nationalise war-establishments. But whereas M. Pierre Cot, at the Air Ministry, went

TO THOSE IN HIGH PLACES

*There are roads to hew and level for the commerce of the nation;
There are rivers to be harnessed; there are forests to be won;
There are minerals to harvest past all dream and calculation;
For our country is a new one with its labors scarce begun.
There are ships we should be launching; there are air-lanes to be charted;
The spacious North is waking with great gifts and great demands.
But youth stands on the side-lines with all hope well-nigh departed,
While life flows by unmindful of its eager empty hands.*

*What of hospitals and clinics that are now so badly needed,
To save the nation's life-blood in the common people's health?
What of stadiums and playgrounds? It must surely be conceded
That virile minds and bodies are our country's truest wealth.
What of schools to be erected and the teachers trained to man them?
What of homes we should be raising north and south, and east and west?
There are endless noble projects and 'tis yours the right to plan them,
And heal with useful labor all resentment and unrest.*

*But the days pass slowly from us and can never be recovered,
And the heart can not be young again when youth's brief hour is past!
There are fires that can't be lit again when once their flame is smothered!
There are hopes denied fulfilment that must fade and die at last!
Alas, for ears that hear not! And alas, for eyes unseeing!
And alas, for power that spends itself on margins of the fray!
You could by moving boldly all humanity be freeing
From the forces that condemn it now to ruin and decay!*

Isa Grindlay Jackson.

promptly ahead with the nationalization of aircraft factories producing war machines, M. Deladier, who represents the more moderate wing of the Radical-Socialists, hesitated much longer.

"At length Creusot has been taken over, as far as it is making munitions; and it will not be difficult, now that the citadel has fallen, to capture the rest of the industry. It is interesting to note that the method used in 'nationalising' the arms industry in France is not that of acquiring capitalist businesses as such, but rather of taking over particular establishments making munitions, while leaving any sections of the businesses producing other goods still in private hands. It has thus something in common with the 'controlled establishments' of the British Munitions Act of 1915; but it involves public ownership and operation and not merely control.

"We wish we could see Mr. Baldwin—or Mr. Neville Chamberlain—going even half as far as they have gone in France towards taking the profits out of war preparation."

AIR CONTROL IS HYBRID SYSTEM, WILL PLAN WORK?

National Railways to Control 51
Per Cent of Stock Trans-
Canada Airways

AIR INTERESTS LOBBY

Critics Say Government Might
Have Gone Whole Way to
Public Ownership

By WILFRID EGGLESTON
Special to The Western Farm Leader

OTTAWA, April 1st.—Only time will tell, apparently, whether the Trans-Canada Airways corporation will turn out to be essentially a public ownership enterprise, or predominantly a private enterprise, although the intention of the Government at the outset has been to retain for the Canadian National Railways and for the Government, through government-appointed directors, final control.

It has caused Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, and his colleagues, considerable anxiety deciding upon an airways policy. They were not prepared to go into the aviation business as a purely public enterprise. They were even more loath to leave the field wholly to competitive private enterprise: indeed, there was a firm determination not to allow a situation to grow up parallel to that in the railway field. They did not want several competitive duplicative services flying mail, passengers and express across Canada.

Private Enterprise Seeks Field

Private enterprise was very keen about getting into the field, obtaining mail contracts, and the right to fly passengers and freight along Canada's main artery of the air. It must be confessed that back of much of the agitation was a desire to go out and sell a lot of stock to the public based on mail contracts and flying licenses they thought they could get from the Government. Since the Dominion is providing about \$8,000,000 worth of flying fields, aerodromes, radio beacons, and weather service, it is obvious that the service is highly subsidized by the state to start with.

Under these circumstances it did not seem to Hon. C. D. Howe that private companies could be permitted to embark on a trans-Canada service without regulation. The lobby that went on from prominent aviation companies, new and old, from the United States, as well as Canada, was quite impressive. Several plans were drawn up for study and then rejected. At one time it was proposed to divide the capital stock 50-50 between the two railways, and thus dispose of the contentious question as to which commercial aviation companies should get in on the proposition. At another time the proposed set-up was 37-1/2 per cent for each of the railways and 25 per cent for the Canadian Airways, which was regarded as the pioneer air company of Western Canada and therefore deserving of a place in the new scheme.

A Vague Plan

Now these plans are rejected in favor of a third plan, under which it is quite uncertain yet who will own the stock. In the first instance it will be in the name of the Canadian National Railways (unless amendments are made in the present bill), and it will be up to the management of that company what other interests are permitted to buy stock. The Canadian Pacific and the leading commercial companies will, presumably, have the right to subscribe, but there is said to be some lack of enthusiasm about getting into the scheme if Canadian National is to dominate it, and instead of a plethora of demands for subscriptions there may actually be a scarcity.

In a sense the whole thing may be said to represent a victory for the

Courting European Friendships



Indicative of the efforts being made to seal friendly relationships between Britain and the smaller states of Western Europe are visits recently paid to London by the King of Belgium and Scandinavian diplomats. The picture shows Richard Sandler, Swedish Foreign Minister, being greeted by Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister, at the Croydon aerodrome recently, on the occasion of an official visit to Britain.

President Gardiner Discusses Draft Program

President Robert Gardiner was the chief speaker at the recent convention of the Huxley to Grain-er U.F.A. District Association, held at Three Hills. He examined the draft Provincial Program, and later gave an analysis of the functions and inter-relationships of money, purchasing power and credit. Mrs. Cameron gave an interesting report of the U.F.W.A. Convention. Although the roads, more particularly the side roads, were in bad condition, there was a good turn-out, and numbers of townspeople came in for the addresses.

As the Dominion's contribution in debt-reduction programs, estimates brought down last week included \$18,764,503 for cancellation of Saskatchewan and Manitoba treasury bills. Less than \$1,000,000 of this was for Manitoba.

C. Jensen of Magrath was elected president of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' Association at the annual convention in Toronto.

principle of public ownership. While the provision was not in the original bill, it is being added, that the Canadian National will retain 51 per cent of the stock, and that the Government will have three directors out of nine, which, with the nominees of the Railway, will ensure that the Government will retain majority control over the new proposal.

Mr. Bennett's View

Some critics will say (as Mr. Bennett did) that if the Government has gone this far, it may as well take over the whole thing and run it as it does the Post Office. To this Minister of Transport makes the answer that in the opinion of the Government it is desirable to have the private aviation interests participating in such a venture, and that grave new problems, involving potential accidents and other matters, would arise if it were operated as a branch of Government.

Whether a hybrid operation will prove to display the advantages of public ownership as well as the advantages of private ownership only time will tell. It is at least possible that the disadvantages of both methods may be prominent. At all events, however, the Government has made provision against chaotic private competition and duplication in the operation of the service.

The Government will meet any deficits of the Trans-Canada airways for two years; subsequently mail contracts will be drawn up on a basis which should make it self-sustaining.

OUTLINES SOCIAL CREDIT PLAN FOR SECURITIES TAX

Reply Made to Premier Aberhart's
Charge Would "Destroy
Credit of Province"

Special to The Western Farm Leader

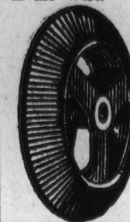
EDMONTON, March 27th.—In view of Premier Aberhart's assertion in the Legislative Assembly that he could not accept the proposed securities taxation section of the "ginger group" Social Credit bill because it "would destroy the credit of the Province," a statement was issued respecting this measure here today by J. Harold Crawford, of Regina, an economist who has been assisting the insurgent "committee" of ten in the drafting of a social credit plan along the lines of Major Douglas's theories. It is claimed by Mr. Crawford that the Premier made these utterances without knowledge of the facts.

The proposed bill provides for scientific debt adjustment and refunding, it is claimed by the committee, a measure fraught with possibilities for good. The method suggested in brief was outlined by the committee as follows:

1. Borrow from security holders by taxation of preferred securities (amount as agreed) and issue interim receipt;
2. Ask every security holder to file

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a statement of any claim against any person or corporation in Alberta;

3. Ask every security holder if possible to arrive at a satisfactory adjustment with his debtor before filing claim;

4. Provide a board of arbitration for those who could not agree;

5. Provide for appeal from arbitration board to credit commission whose decision shall be final;

6. When the taxes have been paid and an adjustment satisfactory to all parties arrived at, issued "preferred receipt," this indicating that the debt has been satisfied.

This will bring about a position where all debts will have been adjusted, the committee points out in explanation of the scheme. From the amount adjusted a percentage will have been exacted by way of taxation. Dealing with these "preferred receipts," it is said that holders may use them as follows:

(a) Non-resident bond holders may exchange them for bonds of similar denominations, bearing two per cent simple interest, redeemable as to principal and accumulated interest in 15 years;

(b) Corporations, resident or non-resident as in (a);

(c) Bona fide residents of the Province may deposit the receipt in any Alberta credit branch and such receipt would be treated the same as a retail discount voucher, and entitle the depositor to a book entry against which checks might be drawn for any purpose within the Province. Under this system it is argued that:

Defaulted bonds would be redeemed; savings certificates would be liquidated; redemption fund would be provided to take care of any future maturity or other call, and finally credit would be established.

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Animals Running at Large

Recent Court Decision Owner of Horse Was Held Liable When Automobile Ran Into Animal in Dark Raises Important Question

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

A RECENT decision of His Honour Judge Bury, in the District Court in Edmonton raises a question of interest to all farmers residing in Municipal Districts, particularly those living adjacent to our main highway system, in view of the rapid development of automobile and truck traffic.

The Domestic Animals Act (Municipal Districts) empowers a council of a rural municipality to pass a by-law prohibiting animals from running at large for such periods of the year as the council may consider proper. A more or less uniform by-law has been adopted by the various councils prohibiting animals from running at large throughout the year. Animals are declared to be running at large if they are not under the charge of some adult person.

Case in Point

In the case in point horses had broken through the fence of a field near a main highway and after dark an automobile ran into them, killing one of the horses and badly damaging his car. He brought action for damages against the owner of the horses.

The trial judge held that as no one was in charge of the animals they were running at large and followed certain decisions of the Ontario courts of some years ago in holding that the owner of the horses was liable for any damage caused by them while following the ordinary propensities of horses such as running in

front of automobiles. He also held, however, in this case, that the owner of the car was negligent because he was driving at an unsafe speed. For that reason the owner of the horses was not obliged to pay any damages.

As to whether this decision would be upheld in the Appeal Courts need not be discussed here. Sufficient to say that it is very doubtful if the Legislature, in passing the Domestic Animals Act, had any thought of the safety of highways. The whole intent was to make the owner of domestic animals responsible if his animals strayed on to the lands of other farmers, destroying crops or otherwise doing damage.

Saskatchewan Act Different

The Saskatchewan Stray Animals Act is somewhat different from the act in force in this Province and under that act the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal has thrown considerable doubt on the liability of a farmer whose animals get on the highway through no fault of his own. With the rapid increase in automobile and truck traffic and the higher rates of speed at which cars are now being driven, a very considerable responsibility is thrown upon owners of livestock if this recent judgment stands.

For the time being, only this word of warning can be given to the owners of such animals, that they may be held liable for considerable damages if their horses or other livestock get upon the

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highway whether or not they get there through the owner's negligence.

It is suggested that this question might well be considered by the farm organizations and the various municipal councils with a view to revising this long-standing legislation in order to define more clearly the relative responsibilities of the owners of livestock and those who may be using the highways.

Bill Replaces Former Acts Judge Declared Ultra Vires

EDMONTON, April 1st.—Replacing the bond interest reduction legislation passed last special session and declared ultra vires by Mr. Justice Ives recently, three bills were introduced into the Legislature last Thursday, these providing for continuation of payment of only fifty per cent of the interest rate on Provincial debentures, treasury bills and savings certificates guaranteed or issued by the Province. The measure of 1936 is repealed if the bills are adopted.

Retrospective to June 1st, 1936, the bills would cut interest payable according to a schedule, 6-1/2 per cent being reduced 3-1/4, six to three per cent, five to 2-1/2 per cent and so on to the minimum of two per cent.

The only exception under the Provincial guaranteed securities act applies to an issue of the A. & G. W. Railway of \$7,400,000 which bears interest at 5 per cent.

No action may be taken under the legislation without the consent of the Government.

Ten Million Dollar Canadian Co-op. Joins U.S. Federation

(Co-operative League News Service)

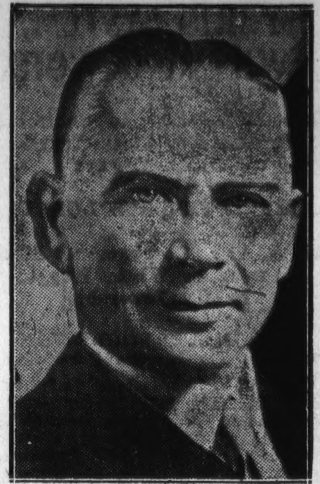
CHICAGO, April 1st.—Another tie between nations was forged at the annual meeting of National Co-operatives, Inc., in Chicago, February 17-18 when the United Farmers Co-operative Co., Toronto, one of the great consumer co-operative groups of Canada, was admitted to membership in the American federation.

The Canadian co-operative has assets of more than a million dollars and its 1936 sales volume was over \$10,000,000. In joining forces with the seven U.S. regional co-operative wholesales, already members of National Co-operatives, it will swell the purchasing power of the organization which now distributes more than \$25,000,000 worth of goods through its affiliated local co-operatives and will make possible even greater efficiency and economy.

National Co-operatives, Inc., recently established its buying office in Chicago but will continue its present joint purchasing contracts without change. The Chicago office will make possible a greater amount of research to check the quality of goods purchased for member co-operatives.

The election of directors resulted in very few changes. The following officers were re-elected: I. H. Hull, general manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, President; W. E. Sanderson, Farmers Union Central Exchange, F. H. Osborne, Midland Co-operative Wholesale and H. V. Nurmi, Central Co-operative Wholesale, Vice-presidents; Howard A. Cowden, Consumers Co-operative Association, Secretary Treasurer and Ivan Lanto, manager of the Chicago office, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

May Decide Strike Legality



Judge George A. Welsh, Federal Judge of the United States, whose decision in a hearing now before him in Philadelphia, Pa., of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers' request for an injunction forbidding courts to order eviction of sit-down strikers in knitting mills near Reading, Pa., may decide the legality of the sit-down strike.

BEING SCUTTLED ON ROCKS OF INACTION, ANDERSON'S PHRASE

**Attacks Licensing and Compulsion
—Cain Also Attacks Budget—
Condemns New Taxation**

Special to The Western Farm Leader

EDMONTON.—"Our plan of Social Credit is scientifically constructive; it does not seek to interfere with existing business," declared Fred Anderson (Social Credit), Calgary, in a speech in the budget debate in which, supporting demand that Social Credit measures be brought in before the Government was voted money, he also attacked vigorously the "ideas of compulsion, of licensing, of rigid price fixing" contained in two Government measures.

Mr. Anderson believed that if the Government threw overboard its measures for regimenting the people by licensing and so forth, and "go forward with a definite plan for economic reform," they could "win back the ground we have undoubtedly lost in the last few months, many times over." He appealed to all parties to get together and try to work out a sane and sensible plan for the relief of Alberta people generally.

"Rocks of Inaction"
The Calgary member declared: "We are not afraid of the Social Credit ship being scuttled by a mutinous crew, but we are fearful of its being wrecked on the rocks of inaction." The budget was a "miscarriage," he said at another point in his speech.

On one point he differed with previous speakers against the budget. He did not believe it was orthodox. If it had been the Government would have been able to borrow money. The present budget would "force the individuals to do the borrowing" which the Government was unable to do.

Mr. Anderson humorously titled "The Four Horsemen" of the Liberal Opposition and the "Two Live Ghosts" of the Conservative party; criticised Hon. W. A. Fallow, who had promised to put 20,000 men on highways last year; scored the Government relief department for compelling the Chinese in Calgary to try to live on \$1.12 a week, and said he had "found the Minister of relief callous in the extreme."

W. E. Cain Speaks
W. E. Cain, of Bow Valley, said

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"NEUTRALITY" WILL IMPERIL PEACE IS N.Y. NATION'S VIEW

Isolationism of U.S. Hitler's Greatest Hope, States Advocate of Peace Policy

CASE OF SPAIN

Failure to Apply Collective Action Against Aggression Cause of Present Dangers

NEW YORK.—Belief that the policy of "neutrality" which Congress is seeking to place upon a rigid basis will not only fail as a means of fostering world peace, but actually tend to imperil peace, is expressed by *The Nation*, New York, in an article headed, "Neutrality Makes Wars."

In Vanguard of Peace Forces

The article is significant in that it appears in a periodical which has been consistently in the vanguard in the struggle for peace, as well as in the struggle for the preservation of democratic institutions for resistance against the trend towards dictatorship, and regards economic reconstruction as the only road to permanent peace.

"Neutrality is frequently regarded as a means of preventing wars," states *The Nation*. "This gives it its popular appeal. A simple common-sense analysis, however, must show that neutrality leads to war."

"Historians of the first World War agree that if Foreign Minister, Edward Grey of Great Britain had made it clear in July, 1914, that England would aid an attacked France, Germany might not have opened hostilities. The possibility of British neutrality encouraged the Kaiser. In exactly the same way the hope of American neutrality will encourage a potential aggressor."

"If Germany were certain that England and America would remain aloof from the next international struggle, war would perhaps be upon us already. The chief and unchanging purpose of Nazi foreign policy is to neutralize Great Britain. With London neutral and Washington indifferent, France or any other victim of Germany would be at the mercy of a sudden offensive."

"Such a neutrality as is advocated by the American isolationists has been Hitler's greatest hope. He rejects collective security. Instead of wanting to have all countries guarantee the peace, he urges that when hostilities break out between two states 'the other nations withdraw at once from both sides.' Hitler insists on the 'localizing of smaller conflicts.' He regards this as the essence of complete neutrality. Only the aggressor and the attacked fight. The others sit and watch. Germany marches into Czechoslovakia. Russia, France, and England remain neutral. Germany wins the war. Next Germany violates Poland. The powers maintain an Olympic passivity. France's turn would be next, and then England's."

End of International Law

"Neutrality followed to its natural

he was sure real Social Credit legislation, instead of the heavy new taxation proposed in the budget, could be brought forward, which would meet with the approval of any business man, chamber of commerce, newspaper critic, or anyone else.

He protested against the use of the term "insurgents" as applied to his group who opposed the budget, and said that a better term would be "progressives." All that was necessary was to remodel the money system. There was no intention to attempt to remodel business. It made him tremble to think of the possibility of placing "this colossal structure on a foundation of co-operatives, when we look over the history of co-operatives in this Province."

Threatened Naval Action



Continued invasion of Spain by Mussolini's armies, known to everyone but the "Non-intervention Committee," has at last stirred the French Foreign Minister, M. Delbos, above, to threaten direct naval action if the Italian dictator lands more troops. Meanwhile, Italian forces have been routed north-east of Madrid.

Plan Co-operative Health Association

(Co-operative League News Service)
SUPERIOR, Wis., March 3rd.—Already famous for its Central Co-operative Wholesale which last year did a \$2,830,000 business and for its retail co-operative associations handling groceries, general merchandise, gas and oil, etc., Superior is now the home of a Co-operative Health Association. The medical co-operative has been incorporated under the consumers' co-operative law of Wisconsin; veteran co-operators, successful in building co-operative stores and other co-ops are among the incorporators and the project has the backing of co-operative, farm, labor and church groups in Northern Wisconsin.

Buys \$5 Share

Each member of the new co-operative buys a \$5 share of stock and pays a fixed monthly fee, tentatively set at \$2.90, which entitles the member and family to all ordinary medical treatment by doctors employed by the association and to hospitalization in the Superior hospitals which have O.K'd the plan.

Organizations which have endorsed the new co-operative include the People's Co-operative Society, Superior Federation of Labor, Douglas County Farmers' Union, Workers Alliance, and the Northern Wisconsin Co-operative Federation. The plan is expected to be of especial benefit to rural families who at present are forced to pay unconscionable mileage charges, stated Rev. Nathan Buckley, organization secretary.

The Co-operative Health Association will be operated on the same basic co-operative principles which have contributed to the success of the co-operative hospital at Elk City, Oklahoma and the co-operative health association at Economy, Indiana.

and logical conclusion means the end of international law and the collapse of diplomacy, it is wind in the sails of aggressors.

"Hitler advocates neutrality because he wants to pave his way to military victory. And American pacifists advocate neutrality because they do not understand this and the other realities of the world situation. They see the formal side and think there is nothing more to it. They think neutrality will keep us out of war."

"If we examine the latest crisis in international affairs we shall see how fallacious is the entire theory of effective neutrality. France, England



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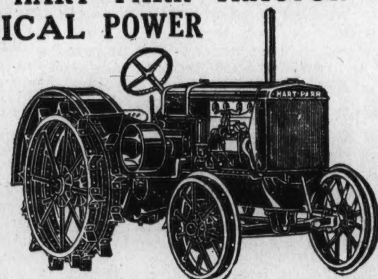
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and the United States, and the small powers are all neutral with respect to Spain. The result is that Germany and Italy can be as active as they please, and actually send in troops to capture Spanish cities. The Soviet aid to the legal Spanish Government has not caused the conflict to spread.

"Suppose Great Britain, France, Czechoslovakia, the Scandinavian countries, Russia, and the United States, all sympathized with democratic Spain and wanted it to win. That would be enough to force Germany and Italy to retire. Germany is weak from a social, financial, economic, and, relatively, even from a military standpoint. Mussolini's fervor for German domination in Spain is not excessive. A firm diplomatic stand by the present neutrals would suffice to expel the aggressors and achieve real neutrality. The present partial neutrality vis-a-vis Spain has fostered Fascist aggression."

Why Fascists "Took a Chance"

"A notice by the great powers for Germany and Italy to get out of Spain would not lead to international war. Those two countries took a chance because they had learned to know the flabbiness of democratic diplomacy. Together they are as nothing against the united forces of non-Fascist governments. If they were made to feel that the others meant it, they would listen. But they despise and laugh at the non-interventionists. Non-intervention is neutrality, and non-intervention has been Hitler's and Mussolini's windfall. To scrap neutrality is not to catapult all into war. It is to bring peace by proving to the Fascists that they cannot get away

with their aggressive acts.

"Early in January France was frightened by suspicious German activity in Morocco. Paris rapped on the table, rapped hard, and within twenty-four hours Hitler made a statement disavowing any intention of digging himself into Morocco. Today France may be poised for similar decisiveness in the whole Spanish problem."

Could End Civil War

"Germany and Italy have already sent to Spain too many troops for the comfort of the French People's Front. France will not act without Britain. This means that it will have to overcome English obstructions. But if both countries do move against Italian-German aggression in Spain, they can end the civil war soon. Similar situations would arise very seldom for the United States, but an unneutral America could, without moving a single man or gun, work for peace and social progress."

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Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

An outbreak of smallpox at Warner is said to be under control.

Drilling for oil in the Drumheller district is planned by a syndicate headed by Jesse Gouge.

Captain J. C. Bowen of Edmonton was sworn in on Tuesday of last week as Lieutenant-Governor.

Royalite-Sterling Pacific 4 oil well which "blew in" a week ago Saturday is said to be an excellent crude well.

Losses estimated at nearly \$400,000 resulted from a fire in Drumheller Saturday night, the White House Hotel being the chief sufferer.

Mr. Justice Howson ruled on Monday that the sixty-day Provincial moratorium prevents foreclosures on estates as well as protecting personal debts.

This year will see the heaviest demand for relief seed grain in the history of Alberta, applications now being filed with municipalities would indicate.

While adding very appreciably to the stores of moisture in the land, a heavy snowfall over most of Southern Alberta for several days last week again blocked highways.

Robert McKenzie of High River was acquitted of the charge of attempted murder of his wife, but was found guilty of assault and recommended for psychiatric examination.

Provision has been made for drilling for oil on the Sarcee and other Indian Reserves in Alberta. In addition to a small charge for prospecting, a royalty will be payable to the Indian board in charge of the reserve of 10 per cent on oil and 1 cent per 1,000 feet on gas.

Old copper and brass has almost doubled in value in the last few months, and scrap dealers in the Province report a brisk trade in these and other metal scrap, which is being shipped to Eastern and Western seaports, presumably for munitions making in the Orient and in Europe.

DOMINION

Means of preventing stock brokers licensed in one Province from circulating objectionable promotion matter in another Province were agreed upon at a recent conference of Dominion and Provincial Government officials in Toronto.

It is expected that Prime Minister King and four other Cabinet Ministers will represent Canada at the Coronation.

In the recent Hamilton by-election the C.C.F. vote was increased from 2,203 to 3,536, running third in the final count.

The Governor-General and Lady Tweedsmuir left Ottawa on Monday for a short visit to the White House at Washington.

Five Swiss families, the first of some 300, are now on their way to settle on farms in the Columbia Valley in B.C.

The Dionne quintuplets are now worth upwards of \$860,000, the great bulk of it acquired from contracts since they became wards of the King.

One hundred and fifty-five Canadian corporations that have made public financial statements since the first of August last, show aggregate net profits 27 per cent greater than for the previous year.

An agreement has been reached between the Canadian railway companies and their running trades employees, through a conciliation board, by which wage reductions will be progressively restored.

If the Canadian Government would make compulsory the eight-hour day for seamen, as agreed upon at Geneva, there would be work for 1,200 additional men now unemployed, said E. Sullivan at a seamen's convention at Toronto.

The "effective rate of interest" on money lent to its clients by the Central Finance Corporation is about 14 per cent, said the company's general manager under cross-examination by the House of Commons banking and commerce committee.

C.N.R. gross operating revenues were up last year by over \$13,000,000 more than in 1935, the grand total being \$186,610,489. After covering operating expenses, taxes, rents, etc., there was available for interest just over \$6,400,000—and interest charges amounted to over \$50,000,000.

A scene of unprecedented disorder in the Ontario Legislature on Thursday last culminated in the forcible ejection of an Opposition member, L. Macaulay. The occasion was Premier Hepburn's move to repeal legislation that divided corporation taxes between public and separate schools.

Federal guarantees for seed grain in drought areas will amount to about \$8,000,000, says an Ottawa despatch.

Eight Canadian Provinces (New Brunswick is not included) had in November last a total of 1,079,100 persons on direct relief.

WORLD

The Coronation will cost the British Government about \$2,270,000.

Earthquake tremors were felt over a large area in southern California last week.

A truce has been called in the Nazi drive against Protestant churches in Germany.

The worst drought in 25 years is bringing about famine conditions in Szechuan, China.

Montagu Norman has been chosen governor of the Bank of England for the eighteenth time.

The German zeppelin *Hindenburg* starts her second season of regular trans-Atlantic air flights on May 5th.

Marching from the Chrysler plants they had occupied for 17 days, 6,000 strikers last week set up picket lines in Detroit.

A despatch from Rome says the ambassador to London, Count Grandi, has given "assurances" that Italy does not intend to send further fighting forces to Spain.

Mistaking the rebel concentration point at Villa del Rio for a Government stronghold, Fascist airmen dropped 15 bombs on it on Monday causing considerable damage.

Successes of Spanish Government forces against German and Italian troops under General Franco's banners are reported in the Provinces of Cordoba and Guadalajara.

Accumulation of gas in the basement of the building, it is agreed by experts, was the cause of the school explosion at New London, Texas, that killed 455 pupils and teachers.

The Japanese diet having refused to vote for Government measures has been dissolved at the request of Premier Hayashi, and a new election will take place in from thirty to sixty days.

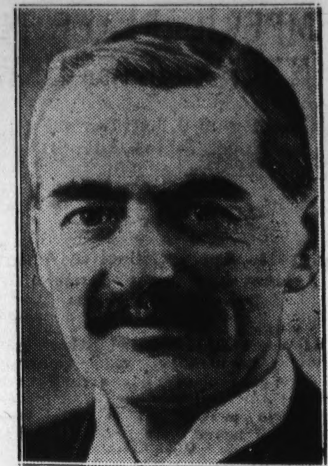
Roosevelt's crop insurance bill, which is expected to pass the Senate and become law, will give U.S. farmers in 1938 and afterwards protection against drought, insects, rust, hail, flood and all natural enemies.

Continuing its program of nationalizing munitions industries, the French Government has taken over two of the largest aeroplane factories and expropriated another. This leaves only one major war industry in private hands.

Rebellion within the Fascist rebel forces in Spain has resulted in numbers being shot down by firing squads both in Spanish Morocco and in southern Spain. One report stated that fifty of the insurgents, including several aces, were executed at Algeciras, as well as 200 prisoners—the latter by way of reprisal.

On an original investment of \$3,500,000, stockholders of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, a Texas subsidiary of the Gulf Oil Corporation, received in dividends during the past 27 years \$45,885,000, or more than 13 times their original investment—in addition to acquiring many millions' worth of property.

Recovering From Illness



Above is a recent picture of Neville Chamberlain, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who, it is reported, will succeed Stanley Baldwin as Prime Minister. He was in poor health for some weeks, as a result of the shock of the recent death of his half-brother, Sir Austen Chamberlain, and of overwork, but is reported now to be recovering.

"Usually Ask, What Does Farm Leader Say?" When Accounts Differ

"When accounts in other papers differ, we usually ask, 'What does the *Farm Leader* say?' as its reports have always been 100 per cent authenticated and not mere hearsay," writes Mrs. Raymond Kilpatrick of Foremost in forwarding her subscription.

Many other tributes to this paper are being received from readers, and in numerous cases instead of a dollar for one year, readers are sending in \$2, \$3 or more. S. Todor of Rumsey, in forwarding a five dollar money order, wrote: "\$5 for back payments and new subscription." Sending in \$1, F. Daw of Gleichen wrote: "Don't trouble to send any premium. Your paper is good value without them."

Locals continue to report action with a view to payment of the subscription to the paper for all their members. Those which have remitted subscriptions since our last issue are Edberg U.F.A. (through A. O. Broughton); Streamstown U.F.A. (J. E. Potter); Sunnibend U.F.A., Pibroch (E. W. Bergdahl); Kerndale U.F.A., Bervyn (Walter J. Reyda).

Mr. Reyda wrote in part: "Your farm paper is read by many and I will assure you I can get many more subscribers. Wishing you continued success."

Penhold Protests Action

Declaring that "it has become the practice of the elected representatives in the Provincial Legislature to delegate their power and responsibility to a large extent to the Executive Council," Penhold U.F.A. Local by unanimous vote passed a resolution strongly protesting "such abdication of their duty toward their electors." Another resolution from this Local protested vigorously against the proposed Licensing Act of the Provincial Government as "arbitrary, oppressive and entirely un-British."

This bill and the price fixing bill are to be left unpassed on the Order Paper following attacks on them by some Social Credit members.

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OTHERS ATTACK

Lampley, Mrs. Rogers Score
Delays—Duggan Protests
Radio Statement re
Seed Grain

By C. H. STOUT

Special to The Western Farm Leader
EDMONTON, March 30th.—Premier Aberhart's closure motion on the budget debate was swept aside by the Legislature in swift action after the House opened Monday, after unanimous consent to its withdrawal by the Premier had been refused.

Cross Makes First Speech

The reverse failed to shake the Government, however, for the Premier offered no comment on the result and the debate resumed with first defense being offered from the Treasury Benches, when Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross, Acting Minister of Trade and Industry, in his first speech in the Assembly, declared with spirit that the private members had rejected the Government Social Credit plan which would have enabled Social Credit to be in effect within the next twelve months.

Later, he asserted that if the members approved of the Government plan for using Alberta credit, the scheme would be in effect "within 30 days after this House adjourns." Speaking subsequently in the debate, Mrs. Edith Rogers, Ponoka, remarked that had the Minister spoken a little longer, he might have promised a Social Credit plan within a week.

Thunderous Rejection

Premier Aberhart, in asking for the withdrawal of his closure motion introduced against his own members, last Thursday said he had no desire to shut off discussion and moved that the resolution be stricken from the order paper. One member opposed the motion and it was lost, the withdrawal requiring unanimous consent of the House. Immediately afterwards, the Assembly, with thunderous vote, turned down the motion for closure. No recorded vote was asked.

Dr. Cross was subjected to a running fire of questions from insurgent, or "Progressive" ranks, as they are being described, when he attacked the proposed Social Credit bill of the insurgent "committee" as being virtually confiscation of securities. They asked how he could discuss the bill when he admitted he had not seen the measure and it had not been permitted to be submitted to the caucus.

Taxation of securities, Dr. Cross maintained, would destroy the credit of the Province and would be a calamity, while it would be unable to produce revenue for at least one year, owing to certain court actions as to its validity. He claimed he had

been informed of its intentions by the chairman of the committee, and understood it sought to raise \$20,000,000 by a levy on securities.

Could Not Guarantee Plan

"There is no Social Credit anywhere in existence," the Minister said once, but claimed the Government plan would set up a credit system. He could not guarantee the plan, but felt convinced it would work. He protested against caucus "reflections" against members being referred to in the House, and "objected to the Assembly being made the laughing stock of the world."

"When the honorable minister speaks about laughing stock, will he tell the House whether in his campaign he told his constituents that they could have a dividend of \$150 a month?" asked Liberal leader J. J. Bowlen.

"I never made such a statement," retorted Dr. Cross. If he thought the Government was backing away from Social Credit principles he would join in the opposition, the Minister said.

Suggests Members Cross Floor

Speaker Peter Dawson objected to caucus discussions being referred to in the Assembly, and Rev. Roy Taylor, Pincher Creek, also appealed against fighting party issues in the open, but urged that members take their disensions into the caucus and try to compromise. If this failed, members opposing the Government should move their seats across to the opposition side of the House.

W. J. Lampley, Peace River, and Mrs. Edith Rogers, Ponoka, joined in the shelling of Government lines during the afternoon, the former denying there was any break in members' ranks, for all wanted Social Credit given a trial. He charged that the Government had blocked the work of private members in trying to implement their promises to the people, and advocated a commission to administer a Social Credit system. The Government had been given wide powers to carry out a plan and had done nothing since taking office.

Taxing People's Bread and Butter

Mrs. Rogers objected to the budget, the sales tax, and demanded that the high salaries of Cabinet Ministers be reduced. If nothing were done toward a Social Credit plan at the present session, Social Credit would have definitely failed without ever being given a trial, she asserted. In her opinion it was more equitable to tax securities than to take the bread and butter from the mouths of the people by enormous taxation.

Taylor Defends Premier

"I am fearful of the disloyalty being shown our Premier on this side of the House" said Rev. Roy Taylor. He begged for "Christian charity" and for peace in the ranks, but in the role of mediator went on to charge that insurgents had perhaps been guilty of a desire for publicity, and had allowed personal animus to actuate their positions.

Mr. Taylor regretted that harsh things had been said against the Premier and wondered how "the first gentleman of the Province" had been able to sit so silently under the attack. "I have had to hang on to my chair at times to keep from getting up to protest," he added. "Ours is a Christian movement and we are more likely to be wrecked by those within our ranks than by the financiers. I would like to remind those on this side of the House that they are here because of the work of the Premier and if they don't believe this let them go back to the country and find out."

D. B. MacMillan wanted to know if the reverend gentleman was speaking for himself or for the other Government members. Mr. Taylor said he had suffered because of his connection with the Social Credit movement, inasmuch as his church did not endorse his action.

Protests Statement re Seed Grain
Before Monday's skirmish began

in earnest, D. M. Duggan, Conservative leader, on a question of privilege, protested against a newspaper interview purporting to come from the Premier in which Mr. Aberhart lamented that seed grain relief advances had been delayed owing to the budget being held up by the debate. Mr. Duggan said the facts were that not one dollar was in the estimates for seed grain and that it was a reflection on the House to accuse them of holding up relief for "necessitous farmers." Provision for seed grain advances had already been made by order-in-council.

Premier Aberhart merely replied that he was not responsible for newspaper statements. Dr. H. K. Brown, on a point of privilege, protested against the Sunday broadcast of the Premier in Calgary, wherein a charge was made that the "committee's" taxation plan was confiscation of securities.

Dr. Brown explained how the committee plan would adjust debts rather than confiscate, but was prevented from giving his full statement owing to objections raised by Hon. Lucien Maynard, and sustained by the Speaker.

The debate was adjourned Monday afternoon by E. P. Foster, Government supporter from Didsbury.

Crowds Hear Through Loud Speakers
Huge crowds packed the Legislative

Assembly galleries and overflowed in a great throng through outside balconies and the main rotunda, the gathering beginning more than three hours before the House met at 3 o'clock on the Easter Monday holiday. When it was realized that hundreds could not get near the galleries, arrangements were hastily made for a public address system to be installed and the voices of the speakers carried to the crowds outside the chamber.

More than 20 newspaper correspondents filled the press gallery, with the expectation that the Government would be forced to resign with the defeat of the closure motion, or one of the two supply motions on the order paper. However, these latter motions were not touched, the one being the official motion on which the budget is based, and due to be withdrawn by the Provincial Treasurer, the other a substitute motion by the Government in which the House is asked to pass interim supply for a limited period, this to permit Government services to be carried on until an acceptable budget is brought down. The new fiscal year starts on April first and no estimates are available until the House ratifies the funds.

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Return of Sun and Warmth

In the country there is such evident enjoyment of the return of the sun and warmth. There is the enjoyment of the members of the human family, some of whom have been housed to an almost unbelievable extent during the winter, and then there is the equally evident enjoyment of the fowls and the animals. There is such a preening and such a relaxing that it is a pleasure to see what comfort it brings.

I believe this is the time of the year our mothers and grandmothers in Eastern America used to devote to mat hooking and quilting. The work had been prepared during the long winter evenings. Now that the longer hours of daylight had come and more pleasant weather for visiting, they made use of the time for these social gatherings.

While these community enterprises may not be as general as they were at one time, fortunately they have not died out. Many of us can recall

many happy gatherings when we have met together to do some quilting for some organization to which we belong or for some neighbor. There is the usual good-natured banter, the exchange of news, the enjoyment of a meal away from home, the admiration of the handiwork of some of the quilters. Perhaps if some of the workers of bygone days were to come in they would find the afternoons very similar to their old gatherings. The great events of life we discuss are still the same, and life on the farm has not changed very much in some respects.

Not Now So Rigorous

They might find there was not as large a percentage of the gathering who could quilt as they did of yore. The training in sewing has possibly not been as rigorous. There are, of course, those who deplore that fact. However, most of us realize with thankfulness there is not the same necessity for fine hand sewing that there was in our grandmother's day. We rejoice that the children are not expected to spend long hours "sewing a fine seam" as were the children of that day. I remember being in a house recently where a framed sampler of tiny stitches bore testimony to the hours of work of one small maiden. Her name and age were given and then she had painstakingly followed it with the following verse:

Religion should our thoughts engage,
Amidst our youthful days,
'Twill fit us for declining age
And for the awful tomb.
I think most of us are thankful

The Ragged Individualist

Spring clothes are to be optimistic!
So Fashion, I see, has ordained.
Effects that are gaily artistic
By fair means or foul should be gained.

Well, mine are a little bit faded
When viewed with a critical eye.
I maybe could get them first-aided
And try to get by!

My morning ensembles lack color—
Except where the patches are bright!

By mid-afternoon they are duller,
And thoroughly wilted by night.
My evening-gowns though always strike me

As being the best one could get.
I'm sure that Dame Fashion would like me

In striped flannelette!

Ah well, if my wardrobe lacks lustre,
Exhibiting signs of decay,
Designers may rave, rant and bluster,
Their dictates I need not obey!
A cheerful effect may be duty,
And art is all right I suppose,
But one may find life full of beauty
In very old clothes!

—Isa Grindlay Jackson.

that we no longer consider it necessary to have a child spend hours of glorious spring weather at any kind of sewing. And we are doubly thankful our viewpoint of how and what to teach in the way of religion has undergone a change.

Rebirth in Nature

Spring seems so much a season of life, of the re-birth of everything in nature. New Year's day is the first of January according to the calendar and January the first month of the year, but in another sense our new year begins in the spring. Fresh hopes seem springing in place of our dead disappointments.

Of course in our most enthusiastic moments we realize we shall have disappointments again. But let us also realize that life is passing and let us plan to make the most of it in our home life and in our community life. The years will not come back to be relived, so let us make them as full of happy memories as we are able. Let us celebrate our little anniversaries even though we can do so very simply. They will be pleasant memories to carry along life's road. Let us also realize we all have a responsibility and we can all make some opportunity to help in humanity's onward march. Everyone's thought and help is needed.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Conjuring U.F.W.A. read and discussed the Health Bulletin at their last meeting.

Eclipse U.F.W.A. have decided to join the Lacombe Co-operative and do some buying for their members.

Mrs. A. C. Henderson, secretary of Notre Dame U.F.W.A., writes that this Local finds the addresses and bulletins brought back by their Convention delegate, Mrs. C. Speer, full of material for study.

After a gap of more than two months, caused by bad roads and cold weather, Milo U.F.W.A. had an interesting meeting, jointly with the U.F.A. They heard the Convention reports, arranged for a bridge party, and held a seed sale and raffle.

A paper on current events by Mrs. Learned, and reading of the bulletins on health legislation and nutrition and dietetics were enjoyed at the March meeting of Burnt Lake U.F.W.A. The roll call, My Supplication, proved most amusing.

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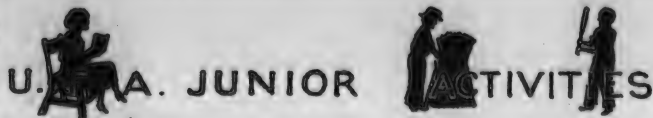
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PREREQUISITE OF DISARMAMENT

By LESLIE E. DRAYTON, Pickardville

If anything can be learned from the rank failure of the many disarmament Conferences since the World War, it is the great truth expressed by Salvador de Madariaga, one of the most experienced authorities on the subject, when he wrote: "Disarmament cannot be successful unless a new policy is evolved which will no longer need armaments for its instruments. This policy is that of co-operation," implying co-operation in "a World-Community which will regulate its life from A to Z."

Let us examine the various angles from which the problem may be attacked, and see for ourselves the basis of this conclusion.

These are:

1. Pacific—direct abolition of armaments.
2. Realistic—abolition of war.
3. Technical—reduction of armaments on a basis of ratios.
4. World organization.

Armaments Not Fundamental Cause

The pacific angle of attack arises from the view that armaments cause wars and hence the problem is simply that of abolishing arms. But the truth of the matter is that armaments do not exist as a mere toy, and that men no longer fight for the fun of it. Each nation defines its own rights in international relations. Naturally, as nations are no less selfish than individuals, the one which can wield the biggest stick gets the best deal.

I realize that this sets a low estimate of human virtues; but remember the present anarchic competition sets a

premium on baseness in international affairs. Until co-operation in a World State replaces this lawless competition, each nation must strive to have an armed superiority over its rivals, or else expect to go down like many weak nations have in the past. Incidentally, at least seven nations have been victimized by more powerful nations since the World War. What is more, if a miracle happened and all nations did agree to destroy their armaments, in the present anarchy, the small nations would find themselves intolerably helpless, as they could not quickly rearm, while their large neighbors having the necessary raw materials could, whenever they wanted to, attack them.

Of course, if you establish a strong World-Community these nations could rely on its protection against injustices, but the guarantee of such a body against bad faith and even unintentional injustice is essential to make the abolition of national armaments practical.

Those who attack the problem from the so-called realistic angle, may take either of the following lines of action:

- (a) Attempt to cure the causes of war.
- (b) Outlaw war.

Lawless Competition

As to the first suggestion, a comprehensive analysis of the causes of war is complex; but the primary cause is the absence of the rule of law in international affairs. Wherever there is intense competition, there must be defined rules and some accepted way of determining breaches of these rules or laws. Otherwise there is nothing to prevent the competition from developing into a free for all fight.

Good intentions cannot do it, because each to win must stoop to at least as great a freedom of action as the others, which in the heat of action is always a bit greater than they intend it to be. Thus all re-

straint gradually breaks down and the fight eventually starts. It simply can't be helped. It is just this intense, lawless competition, essential to the present anarchic international set-up, that renders wars and armaments inevitable as long as it lasts. Thus the cure for wars is ending the lawless competition between nations, which requires at least some co-operation in a World-Community.

Neither does the "outlawry of war" school get away from this necessity. To outlaw purely defensive war is something that cannot be reasonably expected. It is not human to refuse to do one's best in self-protection. Yet if you outlaw only aggressive war, without providing an accepted means of determining which wars are aggressive, you accomplish exactly nothing. For a nation may defend anything, even to the right to expand, without admitting that it is committing an aggression. Thus to obtain an anti-war pact of any value, the nations must co-operate in forming a World authority to determine what is an act of aggression and force the aggressor to terms.

Race Inevitable Under International Anarchy

Any technical attack on the problem

of disarmament does no more than reveal the inevitability of armaments and armament races in the present state of international anarchy. I have already shown that the present international state if it continues renders war almost inevitable. That being the case, every nation must be prepared to adequately defend itself in the eventuality of one of its fellows, casting aside all restraint, and endeavoring to get what it has been unable to get in the course of competition by crushing it.

That requires a definitely stronger military force on the borders of that country than that other nation is able to hurl at those borders. This means that France must have a stronger army than Germany, and Germany a stronger army than France. Consequently, no given arms ratio is really satisfactory to both these countries at the same time, let alone the other 64 nations. That is why ten years of strenuous work along these lines culminated in 1933 in the biggest armaments race the World has ever known. There is only one thing to do. Remove the need of national armaments by the establishment of international co-operation and organization.

A World Government

That brings us to the final line of attack on the problem of disarmament. However, it also proves that success along any of the other efforts for disarmament is dependent on success in establishing a World Government. Is it possible to do this? Yes, but only if the people of the World agree to place international order and welfare before national desires. That is the only hope of attaining stable peace and disarmament.

Junior News Items

Four members of Magnolia Junior Local, and the supervisor, are taking the reading course.

At a general meeting of all the young people in the district, it was decided to carry on the Willow Springs Junior Local, which has functioned continuously for fourteen years, though a number were in favor of a local community club merely. Since then, the Juniors have held a Valentine Dance, and have staged a play at Bon Accord with great success, taking

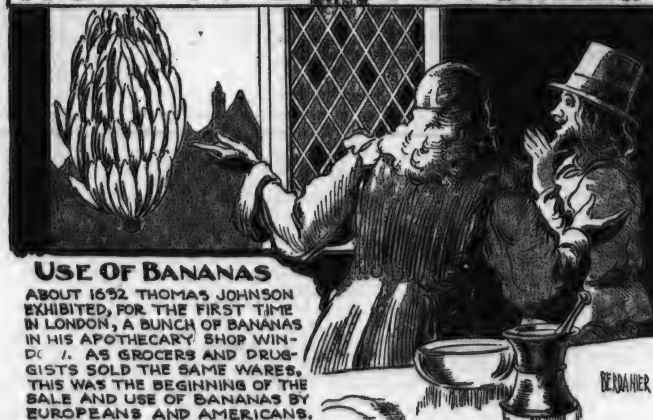
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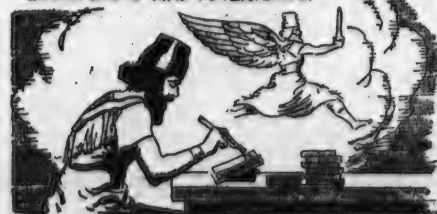
HOW IT BEGAN

By Paul F. Berdanier



USE OF BANANAS

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Farm Home and Garden

Paint Brushes: If, when you are preparing to paint the kitchen floor you find the brush stiff and dry, soak it in hot vinegar. When you finish, clean well with turpentine and wrap in waxed paper before putting away. Melted paraffin wax poured on the left-over paint will keep it in good condition and prevent the forming of a hard crust.

The Gardener's Hands: To keep her hands presentable the gardener should wear old gloves as much as possible; however, for transplanting and weeding when the weeds are small it's difficult to work in gloves. In this case, vaseline rubbed well into the hands, particularly around and under the nails, will work wonders.

Cane Chair Seats: When these sag, turn the chair upside down and sponge the cane seat well with hot water; dry in the open air.

Iron in Foods: Egg yolks contain more than twice as much iron as lean meat; all green vegetables and beans and nuts are rich in iron.

Maple Pudding: Place 4 apples, peeled and sliced, in a buttered pudding dish, and pour over them 3/4 cup maple syrup. Make a batter of 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 cup water and 1 tablespoon melted butter and spread over the apples; steam 45 minutes.

Conrich U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals, holding their separate business meetings, joined forces to honor Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, who are moving to Sylvan Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Small, who are leaving for England.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS REVIEW

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 31st.—The cattle market is steady to stronger, with good demand. Hogs sold steady at \$8.60 for selects, hams \$8.10 and butchers \$7.60, off trucks. Good to choice butcher steers are \$6.50 to \$7.60, common to medium \$4.50 to \$6; good to choice heifers \$5.75 to \$7; good cows \$4 to \$4.85; good to choice veal calves \$7 to \$7.50; good stocker steers \$3.50 to \$4.75, common \$2.50 to \$3, stocker cows and heifers \$2 to \$3.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Mar. 30th.—Bulk of receipts this week being of poor quality, activity has been less than last week; however, any offerings of good butcher cattle move readily at steady values. Current quotations are: good to choice fed calves \$6.50 to \$7.50; good to choice steers \$7 to \$7.50, medium to good \$6 to \$7; good to choice heifers \$5.50 to \$6; good to choice cows \$4 to \$4.50; canners and cutters \$1.25 to \$2; stockers \$3.50 to \$4.50 for good kinds, others \$3.25 down. Calf market steady with bulk of good kinds going at \$6.50 to \$7.50, plainer kinds \$6 down. Hog market stronger, with trucked-in hams at \$8.10, selects bringing a premium of 50 cents and butchers discounted 50 cents.

Milk and Cream Prices

Calgary and Edmonton

Eastern and Western butter markets advanced 1/4 to 1/2 cent a pound; the local market remains unchanged, but an advance may be expected if the Coast market continues to show a good demand. Cream deliveries during the past week have held practically steady, though road conditions have made delivery difficult. Churn cream continues unchanged with 23 cents for special grade delivered Calgary and Edmonton; city milk is \$2.35 per 100 Calgary and \$2.23 Edmonton, for 3.6 butterfat; table cream 32 cents both Calgary and Edmonton.

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in over \$68 at the door. They plan to send a delegate to the Junior Conference.

Johnny Canucks Juniors sponsored the play, "Here Comes Charlie," presented at Mayview School, to help raise funds to send a delegate to the Junior Conference. The Local has set aside a part of every meeting for discussion of economic questions, and

The wheat exporting countries have now been pretty well drained of their flush production and the supplies still available are rather meagre. The demand from importing countries continues strong and prices have been forced to heights unknown since the boom year of 1929.

The Canadian visible supplies are now approaching the 80 million bushel mark. By the end of April the Argentina surplus will be less than 60 million bushels. Australia likewise is getting pretty well cleaned out of surplus wheat.

Total deliveries of wheat in Western Canada from August 1st until March 5th were 145 million bushels. Of this amount about 136 million bushels were delivered up to the end of December. Deliveries during the high price period have been meagre. This shows the serious mistake made in refusing to permit farmers to deliver to the Wheat Board. A comparatively small number of wheat producers are participating in the increased prices.

The condition of the United States winter wheat area is the most important factor in the wheat situation at the present time. While moisture is deficient, general conditions are much better than last year.

The May price got close to the \$1.50 mark on the Winnipeg exchange and then settled back. The close on Wednesday for the May future was \$1.46-1/8.

Flower and Vegetable Seeds for Dried Out Families

Fort Saskatchewan U.F.W.A. have sent to Central Office a supply of flower and vegetable seeds for distribution in the dried-out areas or to other needy families.

German farmers who cannot or do not produce enough to satisfy the demands of the government will be put off their farms, said General Goering.

all the members are taking a great deal of interest in this.

Miss Staddlebauer read a splendid paper on the linen industry and a sketch of John McCormack at the last meeting of Conrich Juniors. The business included choosing delegates for the Junior Conference, arrangements for the lecture by Mr. Donald Cameron on "War, Its Causes and Prevention," and for a concert, handicraft exhibit and sale, and dance, to be held this month.

To License Livestock Dealers in Province

Bill Provides for Licensing of Agents and Also Dealers in Livestock Products

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)
EDMONTON, March 29th.—Given first reading in the Assembly last week, a drastic bill providing for the licensing of all livestock dealers and agents in the Province will be brought up for consideration in the Assembly. The first reading was a mere formality. Dealers in livestock products will also be licensed under the terms of the bill, which is sponsored by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. W. N. Chant.

The bill provides for appointment of livestock inspectors who will supervise weighing and grading of livestock when it is marketed. Wide powers will be given the Minister to prescribe conditions under which licenses may be granted or refused, and to fix fees payable for licenses. By order-in-council rules and regulations may be imposed, to prohibit or restrict any practice, system or method of dealing in any livestock or livestock products.

Heavy Penalties

For failure to comply with regulations, penalties up to \$200 may be imposed in case of a body corporate and in other cases \$50 and costs. Inspectors may inspect and examine weigh scales and generally supervise marketing at packing plants and other marketing places. By order-in-council the standard of quality of livestock may be established.

Power is given the Minister to assess the owners of packing plants and slaughter houses for which inspectors or veterinary inspectors are appointed a reasonable proportion for the cost of the services. Such payments shall be deposited in a special trust fund out of which the Minister will pay all proper expenses respecting the operation of inspectors.

The Pan-American Clipper reached New Zealand on Monday evening at the conclusion of its exploratory flight from California, preliminary to the setting up of a regular commercial air service.

HINDUS TO SPEAK HERE

Maurice Hindus, author of "Humanity Uprooted," "Broken Earth," "Red Bread" and other books on Russia, will speak twice in Alberta this month; in Edmonton on Monday, April 19th, and in Calgary on April 20th.

PLEASE SEND NAME AND ADDRESS

We have received a contribution to the essay contest on the subject "My Suggestions for Peace" from a reader who does not attach name and address. The envelope carries the postmark Medicine Hat. Will the writer of this essay please communicate with us, giving the missing information.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH

A very effective method of obtaining signatures to the petition calling for the conscription of wealth in the event of war has been adopted in the Vulcan district. Mrs. J. S. Smith, supervisor of Johnny Canucks Junior Local advises us that the teacher, Miss May Bateman, a charter member of the Johnny Canucks, has sent the petition from one family to another until almost every eligible name in the school district has been placed on the petition.

Johnny Canucks Local is in its eighth year and those enrolled are a very enthusiastic bunch. They held their last meeting with nine persons present, including Walter Sinclair, President, in the chair. Gordon Sinclair is again secretary and Miss Phyllis Smith vice-president for this year. The Local are planning to have the Eastway Social Club put on a play at Vulcan in the near future with a percentage of the profits.

PLAN IS APPROVED RE ADVANCES FOR FARM SEED, ETC.

Municipality May Borrow From Treasurer or With His Approval From Bank

Special to The Western Farm Leader

EDMONTON, April 1st.—Provision for seed grain advances to "neccessitous" farmers up to 300 acres of arable land, was finally agreed upon in committee of the Legislature last week, the bill having to be considerably revamped by the Minister of Agriculture before it proved acceptable to the house committee.

It is expected that the section of the 1936 Act will stand which includes in its provisions fodder, feed grain, fuel oil and lubricating oil, as well as seed grain.

While in principle no change was made in the arrangement whereby municipalities must make advances, it was provided that the municipality might borrow from time to time from the Provincial Treasurer or with the approval of the Minister from any chartered bank, sums required for seed grain advances.

The role of the banks was discussed by Hon. Mr. Chant and the manager of the Imperial Bank in Edmonton on Tuesday. "All we are waiting for now," said Mr. Chant, "is definite word from the bankers that they will handle the advances, and things will start to move."

Bowlen Censures Government

The Government was censured by Liberal leader, J. J. Bowlen, on the ground that it had "doublecrossed" the banks in this respect last year, when debt reduction legislation was passed after banks had extended loans and repayments were denied the lenders while the Government was free to step in and collect arrears and other debts from the season's crop. It was admitted that municipalities were having difficulty in obtaining advances from the banks this year.

One amendment enables lenders to make advances without approval of the Minister. Another struck out the rate of six per cent interest and permits any rate obtainable by the municipality. Though liens on livestock being permitted were protested by members of the committee this provision was allowed to stand in the bill, such mortgages in the case of fodder relief to have priority over all other claims.

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NEW INTEREST IN ORGANISATION OF FARMERS SHOWN

**Subject of Co-operation to Fore—
Vice-President Lectures in
Edmonton District**

New interest in farm organization, and especially in the subject of co-operation, is reported by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A., on his return from a series of lectures at local meetings in the Edmonton district, from March 22nd to 25th. Assisted by R. M. McCool, Mr. Priestley gave an exhibition of moving pictures on electric power in relation to farming in the United States, and of a new scientific film showing the germination and growth of seeds. For the young people present there was a comedy series.

Director J. R. Bentley was chairman at Horse Hills, Arthur Careless at Sion and Mr. Drayton at Mid-Pembina. T. J. Lovelock, newly elected director for Jasper-Edson accompanied Mr. Priestley to Sion and Mid-Pembina and spoke on farm organization.

Struggle in Spain Will Be Described at Meetings

Three addresses will be delivered in Alberta next week by Anna Louise Strong, Ph. D., who will deal with the issues in the war in Spain and the development of the struggle there against the Fascist invasion.

Dr. Strong, who has just returned from Spain, will speak from first-hand knowledge of her subject.

Three Meetings

Her meetings in Alberta will be held as follows, all being evening meetings: Lethbridge, April 7th; Calgary, April 9th; Edmonton, April 11th. All meetings will be held under the auspices of the Canadian Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The Calgary meeting will be held in Central United Church, commencing at 8 o'clock next Friday evening. Tickets, price 25 cents, are now on sale, and may be obtained from the office of *The Western Farm Leader*, Renfrew Building, Calgary, and various down-town stores.

Aid for Dr. Bethune's Unit

Proceeds, in this and all other cases, will be used to assist in maintaining the Canadian Blood Transfusion Unit under the direction of Dr. Bethune, with the Spanish Government's forces, who gave up his salary as one of the chief surgeons at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Montreal, in order to undertake this important work. Dr. Bethune and his Canadian doctors and nurses have since been placed in charge of blood transfusion work for the wounded of all Government armies in the field.

Daughter of a prominent medical man of Seattle, Wash., Dr. Strong was formerly a lecturer at Wellesley, Smith and Vassar Colleges and at Columbia University and Stanford University. She accompanied the United States

Veterinary Questions and Answers

Questions on the care of animals in illness will be answered in this column from issue to issue by a graduate veterinarian with 25 years' experience in practice in Alberta. Every paid-up subscriber to The Western Farm Leader is entitled to have a question answered. The subscription is One Dollar per year.

F.C.P., Streamstown.—Horse, 13 years old, is thin and when is backed out of the stall his hind legs seem to drag and nearly sink down and is lifeless. Please advise.

Answer: Your horse has rheumatism and at this age may not respond to treatment. Try the following: Sodium Salicylate 3 ounces, Pow. Nux. Vom. 2 ounces, Salt Petre 2 ounces, Epsom Salts 8 ounces. Give one Tablespoonful twice daily.

Carstairs.—Would you give me a condition powder for horses?

Answer: Feed on a balanced ration and give one tablespoonful of the following twice daily: Iron Sulphate 3 ounces, Powdered Gentian 3 ounces, Saltpetre 3 ounces, Powdered Nux Vomica 3 ounces, Soda 6 ounces, Epsom Salts 8 ounces.

Pincher Creek.—Heifer freshened and milked well for some time then the udder swelled very badly then turned black, broke in three places, discharging pus.

Answer: This is Garget or Mamitis. Would not advise treatment. You might try keeping the parts syringed with an antiseptic solution of Lysol and fatten for beef.

Bawlf, Alta.—Sow farrowed nearly month ago and is eating her pigs. What can I do to stop her?

Answer: As a rule this condition is due to some shortage in the ration of proteins or minerals. The shortage is easy to remedy but sometimes sows form a habit of pig eating which is difficult to undo.

J.D., Consort.—Your issue of March 5th contained a question from a subscriber in Leduc re the breeding of a ruptured mare, and you advised against it. You did not state any particular reason but we had some experience with a similar case that I feel I should acquaint you of it. We once had a mare with rupture about the size of a small football due to a kick and in exactly the same spot as the one in question, and we raised 18 colts from her; never had any trouble, never missed a season without colt and all were good work horses. We used her for that purpose solely.

Answer: Rupture is a break in the abdominal muscles. In cases where a mare with a rupture is bred carrying the extra weight is liable to increase size of rupture and leave her unfit for work.

Mission of the Society of Friends to Russia during the famine of 1921-22, and has since travelled extensively in Europe and Asia.

At Women's Canadian Club

The Calgary Women's Canadian Club have invited her to speak at a specially convoked session of the club on Friday afternoon, upon her experiences in Russia.

Lead and zinc are rising in price, like other metals, as a result of enormous armament programs. On the New York market a few days ago lead was 7-3/4 cents a pound, and zinc 7-1/2 cents—increases of 3-3/4 and 2 cents over average 1929 prices.

A deputation of English clerics, headed by the Dean of Canterbury, and including several Roman Catholic priests, will visit Spain to investigate religious conditions there, in spite of the British Government's forbidding the trip.

PLANNING POULTRY POOL FOR ALBERTA

By OBSERVER

Seeking to improve the lot of the producers of poultry meats and eggs, an endeavor is being made in Alberta to create a Provincial Poultry Pool. It is certainly to be hoped that something can be done in this connection, for the prices that have been paid producers during the past winter are nothing short of a disgrace when they are compared with the prices consumers have had to pay for the same products.

The Alberta Poultry Federation, of which C. J. Ford, K.C., Calgary, is president, and R. S. Johnson, Edmonton, is secretary, has done a fine job in bringing the entire question of poultry marketing to the front, for it is the Federation that has taken the lead in recommending a poultry pool.

It is encouraging to note that in other sections of Canada this matter of poultry marketing is also receiving the attention it deserves, and some progress is being made toward protecting the producers.

In Eastern Ontario and Quebec, for example, there has been a recent development of considerable interest. In the Eastern section, local egg and poultry co-operatives were formed, 16 in all, the first in December, 1934, and the last in February this year. To the end of 1936 the associations had marketed 677,000 dozen eggs, 95,000 cases of poultry, and had received in cash a total of \$166,000. The business in eggs was done at an overhead cost of 2.42 cents per dozen of the total cash turnover, this covering express, managers' commissions, egg cases and other charges.

It is estimated that the operations of the associations have brought the prices for eggs, received by the producers, at least three cents closer to Montreal prices than was previously paid by stores and itinerant buyers.

Since we are talking poultry organization here these days it is worthy of note that these associations in the East operate in a simple manner. Each association is controlled by a president and a board of directors, all of whom are farmers. The directors appoint the manager, who is a qualified grader, to grade, pack and sell the eggs and poultry to the best advantage. He is paid one cent per

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dozen for eggs and one-half cent per pound for poultry out of the funds of the association.

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It is now proposed to form a central board to deal with particular problems common to all associations, with a permanent secretary paid a nominal salary. As the organization develops it is likely a single selling agency for all the associations will be established.

Without setting up an intricate marketing machine with costly overhead, and without requiring heavy capital to start their enterprises, these Ontario and Quebec farmers have improved their position on the Montreal market to the extent of three cents per dozen for their eggs.

There may be an example here for those of us interested in poultry in this Province. A Provincial Poultry Pool is greatly to be desired, but perhaps we would make more progress and ultimately build a sounder Province-wide structure if we started with local poultry marketing organizations patterned after those in the Eastern Provinces.

Amelia Earhart's around-the-world flight was delayed at Honolulu when a blow-out as the plane was taking off caused it to crash. She and her two assistants were uninjured.

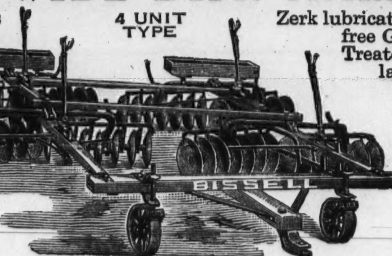
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By SYDNEY MAY

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"Girl Collects Sand Grains"—headline in the *New York Mirror*. Heck, that's not news. Our farm gals always have had plenty of grit.

Talk is so cheap, says Cynical Gus, that if the politicians were compelled to eat their own words nobody'd miss 'em.

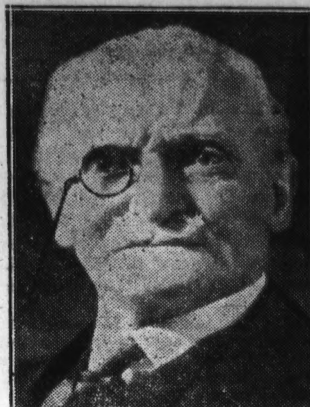
ISN'T IT THE TRUTH
Communication from Mister Gloom declares that the Government at Ottawa evidently believes that the country needs its good times so much, it's allowing the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to invent them.

IT IS TO LAUGH
We see by the papers that the Aberhart licensing bill has been withdrawn. We're not surprised. So many funny things have happened



—THAT Boss Elphicke, accompanied by Brother Cairns, Brother Cranston, and, of course, Sports Commentator Brother Adams, made the trip to Calgary for the Battleford-Edmonton hockey game—THAT their adjectives descriptive of the seats assigned them are not often seen in print except in the works of Hemingway—THAT Jack (Ad-Lib) Dawson is a continuity writer's idea of the perfect (?) announcer—just give him a rough idea and an open mike!—THAT even George (CBC) Young succumbed to the appeal of the communistic salutation, "You ain't scarin' me, stranger!"—THAT Capt. Lew (Farmer) Grover reveals a past lurid with sexed pullets and cockerels—THAT your newshound, with one eye on the sky and the other (the bad one) on the barometer, curses softly and "sniffles" off.

Keeper of Crown Jewels



Major-General Sir George Young, husband, K.C.M.G., the keeper of the English crown jewels for the past 20 years, to whom the coming of the coronation will mean new duties and increased responsibilities. Sir George is the elder son of the late Major-General John N. Young, husband, C.S.I., and is a veteran English army man. He fought in the Afghan war, in the Burmah war, in the Boer war, took part in expeditions in India, and topped off with five years' service in the Great War. He has published a few books about the crown jewels and the Tower of London, where he lives, and also a book on his experiences as a soldier.

since the last Provincial election that even the law of gravity has been suspended.

And then, opines Fern of Fernie, there's the die-hard British Columbia Tory who won't eat sockeye salmon because it's red.

CONNOR CREEK NEWS

Well Syd, old top, you will notice by the above heading that we are north of 36, where the mighty rivers flow; where the bull moose often grazes, and the northern blizzards blow. And, as one little cutie put it, where men are men.

Anyway, old scout, it's the land of spruce, snoose and barn yard savages. They've got logs up here, Syd, as big as your head, but not quite as thick.

You roll out bright and early every morning, that is the morning is bright and you are early. Well, in fact, when we retire for the night we seldom get both shoes off before the breakfast call.

Yep, anyway you take it, it's a tough old world Syd, but we've got to put up with it because it's the only one we've got. Hoping you do the same—

Cheerfully yours,
—NORMAN.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

L'il Goldilocks, our office vamp, complains that her love affairs have become too adulterated. Yep, last week she got her dates so badly mixed it made her quite historical.

Note to M. G., Fort Saskatchewan: Thanks for contribution. Sorry it's not quite suitable. Try again, please.

Knotty Frankie tells us that he met Mary of Carbon at a party the other night. Mary wouldn't stay late, however, as she'd promised her mother she would be home by June.

TODAY'S DEFINITION

"HEAD: Something that's always big when the owner isn't."
—Thenx to J.L.T., Lethbridge.

We see that the Provincial Treasurer anticipates \$300,000 additional liquor profits this year. We'll bet that "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" won't be a popular request number with him.

Ohio Boston terrier is reported to

SPORT

The North Battleford Beavers are hockey champions of Western Canada. They beat the Fort William Wanderers in two games out of three and thus qualified to meet the eastern champions for Canadian honors.

The most astonishing thing in the series between these two teams was the reversal of form by the Beavers in the second game. Actually the Wanderers are not in the same class as the Saskatchewan champs, but they actually beat the Beavers 5-2 in the second game after being snowed under 9-2 in the first encounter.

The only explanation that seems plausible was internal trouble in the Beaver team. Their coach was asked to resign before the last game which Battleford won 7-1. Then Davis, their goalie, played poorly in the second game.

The Beavers are a big fast team and play an aggressive style of hockey, much like the Toronto Maple Leafs. When they cut loose on the attack the whole team moves up. When they start scoring usually goals come in flocks. But when things break bad this daredevil style of play is dangerous. An occasional breakaway by opponents is liable to result in goals for the other team.

Sudbury Tigers will be the probable opponents of the Beavers in the final series which will be played in Calgary. The Tigers are Ontario winners and should clean up in the east. They are an experienced team and the series should be close. Were it not for the sloppy performance of Battleford in the second game with Fort William, the Beavers would be logical favorites.

The Sudbury team is a sort of all star organization. It includes the pick of the players in a league which operates around that mining centre. The way the team swept over the Toronto Dominions, in the final for the championship of Ontario, demonstrates that it has class.

have produced a litter of twelve youngsters. That's one lady who has a pup-ose in life.

LARBOARD WATCH, AHoy!

"JANE: Come home for the Admiral's sake."—personal ad in a N.Y. Daily. Evidently in the big burg "All the nice girls don't love a sailor."

"Chicago Red Fined"—headline in the N.Y. News. And now things look black for somebody.

TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

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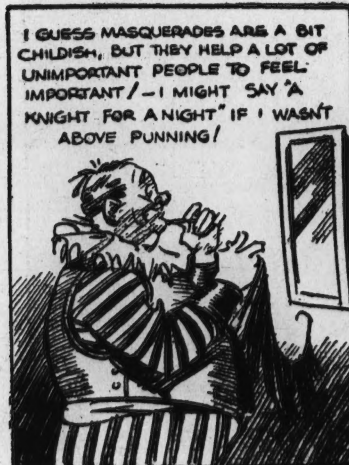
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Fashions in Face-gear for the Next War---The New British Anti-Gas Masks



The grotesque masks being worn by several persons in the group above are not intended for use in a holiday masquerade party. The picture merely shows a demonstration of air raid precautions by British nurses and members of St. John's Ambulance Association who are recruiting volunteers to study various anti-gas methods for use in the next war.

Reporting on the British Government's cam-

paign to train the civil population in the use of gas masks, a group of expert chemists recently stated that the present propaganda and drilling may give the people a false sense of security, as nothing but expensive suits of protective material completely encasing the whole person can afford protection against some of the new gases, while gas attacks will probably be preceded by a hail of inflammatory bombs. It is virtually impossible

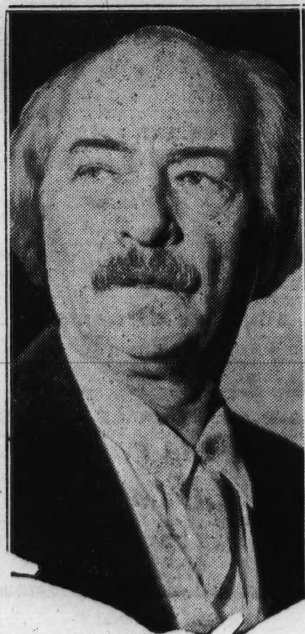
to give very young children even the protection of a gas mask. Nevertheless an intensive campaign in the use of such anti-gas equipment as is being made available is being carried on by Government authorities. Volunteers are being trained in every community, as well as the police and fire departments.

Some of the young ladies are amused, but it's a grim business.

Ten Killed in Puerto Rico Riots



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Ignace Paderewski, famous pianist, composer, and first premier of the new Poland, who is reported by his physicians to be in a grave condition.



Police assisting wounded victims of street riots in Ponce, Puerto Rico, which claimed 10 lives in clashes between police and nationalists. The nationalists attempted to stage a demonstration fav-

oring independence from the United States against the orders of the island chief of police, Enrique de Orbata. The mayor of Ponce had given permission for the demonstration.